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For: **METHOD OF DESIGNING TUBULIN
POLYMERIZATION STABILIZERS**

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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Applicants are responding to the Office Action dated June 18, 2004, in the above-identified patent application, resulting in a response date of July 18, 2004. Claims 1-24 are pending in the application, and Claims 1-24 are subject to a restriction/election requirement. A Petition for Extension of Time-One Month is being filed concurrently herewith.

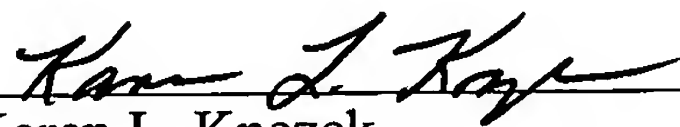
The present Office Action requires an election of one of the following claim groups, the Examiner indicating that the respective claim groups are drawn to distinct inventions:

- Group I: Claims 1-6 and 24, drawn to a process for the design of anti-tumor compositions;
- Group II: Claims 7-11, drawn to a method for the design of a paclitaxel alternative composition;
- Group III: Claims 12 and 17-23-in-part, drawn to a first chemical composition (SPECIES ELECTION REQUIRED);
- Group IV: Claims 13 and 17-23-in-part, drawn to a second chemical composition (SPECIES ELECTION REQUIRED);
- Group V: Claims 14 and 17-23-in-part, drawn to a third chemical composition (SPECIES ELECTION REQUIRED);
- Group VI: Claims 15 and 17-23-in-part, drawn to a fourth chemical composition (SPECIES ELECTION REQUIRED); and
- Group VII: Claims 16 and 17-23-in-part, drawn to a fifth chemical composition (SPECIES ELECTION REQUIRED).

Applicants elect the invention of Group II (identified above as corresponding to Claims 7-11) to prosecute in the present application. Applicant requests the remaining claims be withdrawn from consideration with reservation of rights to present in a divisional application.

No fee is believed to be incurred by this response. If a fee is required, however, please charge any fee necessary during the pendency of this matter (excepting an issue fee) to Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP's Deposit Account No. 18-1260.

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